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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MELISSA COX,

Defendant.

No. 1:24-CR-00206-JLT

**MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA
APPOINTMENT OF ERIC V. KERSTEN
AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

On December 12, 2024, a Probation Form 12C petition and order charging Defendant Melissa Cox with violating her conditions of supervised release was filed. On January 24, 2025 CJA Panel Attorney Eric V. Kersten was appointed as trial counsel to represent Ms. Cox in her criminal case. Ms. Cox admitted violating her conditions of release and was sentenced on February 10, 2025. The time for filing a direct appeal was February 26, 2025. No direct appeal was filed. Ms. Cox was in custody at sentencing. The trial phase of Ms. Cox's criminal case has, therefore, come to an end. Having completed his representation of Ms. Cox, CJA attorney Eric V. Kersten now moves to terminate his appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Ms. Cox require further legal assistance she has been advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite

330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the re-appointment of counsel to assist him/her.

Dated: April 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric V. Kersten

ERIC V. KERSTEN
Attorney for Defendant
Melissa Cox

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Having reviewed the notice and found that attorney Eric V. Kersten has completed the services for which he was appointed, the Court hereby grants attorney Kersten's request for leave to withdraw as defense counsel in this matter. Should Defendant seek further legal assistance, Defendant is advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office is (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant Melissa Cox at the following address and to update the docket to reflect Defendant's pro se status and contact information.

MELISSA COX
2036 N. Cecelia Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: April 25, 2025

Jennifer L. Thurgood
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE